

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | ) |                      |
|                          | ) | Case No. 3:13-CR-102 |
| v.                       | ) |                      |
|                          | ) | (MATTICE / SHIRLEY)  |
| JERIS COKER              | ) |                      |
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**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), I conducted a plea hearing in this case on July 11, 2014. At the hearing, Defendant moved to withdraw his not guilty plea to Counts 1 of the single-count Indictment [Doc. 6] and entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, in exchange for the undertakings made by the Government in the written plea agreement. On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find the Defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by Defendant; the plea is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, apart from the promises in the plea agreement; the Defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, I **RECOMMEND** Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count 1 of the Indictment be granted, his plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment be accepted, the Court adjudicate Defendant guilty of the charge set forth in Count 1 of the Indictment, and a decision on

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<sup>1</sup>The written plea agreement [Doc. 38] does not contain the fact that the Defendant has a prior felony conviction. However, in open court, the Defendant agreed with the Government's proffer that he was convicted of a felony, Aggravated Assault, in 2011, in the Knox County, Tennessee, Criminal Court.

whether to accept the plea agreement be deferred until sentencing. I further **RECOMMEND** Defendant remain in custody until sentencing in this matter. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, acceptance of the plea agreement, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the District Judge.

s/ C. Clifford Shirley, Jr.  
C. Clifford Shirley, Jr.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to *de novo* review of the foregoing findings by the District Judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than fourteen days after the plea hearing. Failure to file objections within fourteen days constitutes a waiver of any further right to challenge the plea of guilty in this matter. See 28 U.S.C. §636(b).